



Government of the District of Columbia
ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5A
 5171 South Dakota Avenue NE, Suite 125
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**Resolution in Support of
 Application of Catholic University of America (“CUA”) for
 Amendment to an Approved Campus Plan and Further Processing of a
 Campus Plan for the Installation of an Accessory Solar Facility on the West Campus**

WHEREAS, representatives of CUA presented plans for the installation of an accessory solar facility on the West Campus of CUA (the “Project”) to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 5A on October 27, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Project will support achievement of the District’s renewable energy goals by increasing the supply of locally-generated, green energy to the utility grid.

WHEREAS, the Project will significantly contribute to CUA’s Sustainability Plan by generating approximately 11,000 MWh per year or roughly one-fourth of the University’s annual energy consumption.

WHEREAS, the solar facility will enhance stormwater management, protect Heritage Trees in the West Campus, and provide food, shelter, and pollination opportunities for insects, birds, and other wildlife.

WHEREAS, the Project will create employment and contracting opportunities throughout the District for local residents and businesses in which Catholic University has and will continue to perform outreach to the local community to inform them of these local opportunities.

WHEREAS, Catholic University is a community partner in education and has partnered with District of Columbia College Access Program to expand college access to the District’s public and public charter high school students by providing scholarships that will cover the full cost of their tuition for 15 local students at Catholic University. CUA has agreed to work with ANC5A to establish criteria for selecting Ward 5/5A recipients.

WHEREAS, the solar facility will serve as a site for scheduled research, demonstration, and educational visits for the CUA community and local K-12 students.

ANC 5A Commissioners (2021-2022)

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WHEREAS, the solar facility will serve as a site for scheduled research, demonstration, and educational visits for the CUA community and local K-12 students.

WHEREAS, the Project will not have an adverse impact on neighboring properties, because the solar use will be inherently quiet, generate almost no vehicular traffic, and be effectively screened by existing and enhanced vegetation and tree cover.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 5A voted 6-1-0 to support CUA's application for an amendment to an approved Campus Plan and further processing of a Campus Plan for the Installation of an Accessory Solar Facility on the West Campus.

APPROVED: November 10, 2021



RONNIE L. EDWARDS, Chairman
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5A

ANC 5A is comprised of seven (7) Commissioners and therefore four (4) Commissioners constitutes a quorum. On November 10, 2021 at a duly noticed Public Meeting of ANC 5A, seven (7) Commissioners attended the meeting. At the time of voting to adopt the above resolution there were seven (7) Commissioners present and voting. ANC 5A voted 6-1-0 to approve the Motion; and specifically requested that ANC 5A's Action be afforded the "great weight" prescribed pursuant to the DC Home Rule Charter.